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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

**REPLACEMENT OF ALIEN REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD (I-151) -- IMPACT ON  
ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDI-CAL BENEFITS**

This information letter is to inform counties that on March 20, 1996, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) concluded a project whereby they requested all holders of I-151s issued before 1979 to have them replaced with a new counterfeit resistant card, the I-551.

As enunciated in previous E-Mails (92133 and 93005), holders of the I-151 cards even though expired are still lawful permanent residents and the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements will reflect them as such unless they have lost their status for some other reason.

The INS has requested that holders of the expired cards contact the INS toll-free number, 1-800-755-0777 to obtain information on how and where to apply for a new card. There is a fee for replacement of the I-151, however, a fee waiver is possible based on proven financial hardship.

Please direct any questions to Marlene King of my staff at (916) 657-0134.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Frank S. Martucci, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch